



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 14

Meeting Date: 3-18-08

Meeting Location: United Way Conference Room

Council Members Present: Helen Jackson, Heather Mollo, Ruth Alewine, Tammi Hickman, Jack Tandy, Laura Gentry, & Shana Bolden

Council Members Absent: Dennis Carmichael, Susie Hodnett, Mark Loyd, & Jim Brown

Others in Attendance: Carmen Young, Resource Residential Treatment Facility; Jason Miller, Youth Connections; Scott Stewart, George Jr.; James Shively, Regional Child Welfare Services Coordinator; Penny Pitcock, Johnson Co. Director; Emily Werner, Columbus Behavioral Center; Mary McKinney & Janice Bullman, Family Services; Karla Davis, Children's Bureau; Amanda Stropes & Jill Attebeny, Adult & Child; Shane Harmon, Lifeline Youth & Family Services; Leah MacAdam, Turning Point; Lynne Wisneski, Resolute; John Nickoll, White's

<h3>Meeting Minutes</h3>

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:30

- 1. First Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Ruth went over agenda items. She also mentioned to members present that the QSR that was scheduled for April has now been postponed till June 9-13, 2008. The QSR is a random pull of 24 cases with 48 reviewers who will spend 2 days per case doing interviews of parties involved in a case, which includes the children. In order to be scored for a case, the child and parent (unless TPR has been granted) must be interviewed. There will be a Grand Round of all cases that were reviewed on Friday that week. Providers, staff and community members are invited to hear how DCS has done so far with the first year of case practice reform. The information provided will help DCS learn what to focus on to bring continuous improvement to best practices.
- 2. Second Order of Business Summary of Discussion:** Ruth asked members to present there proposals for their county. Penny Pitcock presented Turning

Point Domestic Violence. They have requested \$25,000.00 for services which will include training for case managers. Penny will e-mail members when she gets more information detailing services that they will provide. Ruth presented Shelby County proposals. Turning Point \$24,000.00 for intervention, prevention, shelter care, training, transitional support & legal advocacy. Helen asked how many people they will serve. Penny commented that Johnson County is not home based and that clients will have to come to them. Leah from Turning Point replied that home-based services are done on a case by case basis. Additional Shelby County proposals: Blue River Counseling, which assists with adolescent sex offenders, has asked for \$5,500.00 for the entire year; Shelby Community Health Center, which does prenatal education program for moms and sometimes grandparents to educate about healthy lifestyles during pregnancy, has proposed \$3,000.00; Shelby County Pregnancy Center, which supplies cribs, one per household for child under 6 months, holds classes including videos on SIDS and child safety in home and safe sleeping methods, has proposed \$4,000.00; Shelbyville Boys & Girls Club, \$5,000.00 for Day Camp services, which would pay for counselors, and kids to attend, during May to August. Helen asked for clarification on the reporting of January 2009—could they give a report during the year as well as at year-end? Ruth replied that if the RSC would like for two reports to be submitted per year and for each proposal to estimate the number to be served, those can be added to each MOU. It was asked if these same programs had been supported last year and Ruth said that DCS had gone to the local United Way agency to find out local agencies to approach about funding. Judge Tandy replied that these programs are recognized, but the prenatal is just getting started. Judge Tandy made motion to approve with modifications. Judge Mollo seconded and all members present approved.

Laura presented Bartholomew County's proposals. Taylorsville/Schmitt school-based counseling collaboration with Quinco and Family Services; Quinco has requested \$35,700.00 and Family Services has requested \$32,744.00. Judge Mollo commented that this programs addresses a concern that is community wide and relates to the 8 to 12-age group. She also mentioned that some of the members last year went to a school in Indianapolis to look at their outcomes and how they keep family & child connected. Mary McKinney commented that there have been positive outcomes with keeping kids in school. Additional Bartholomew proposals: BCSC Special Education program, Family School Partners (Judge Mollo added that this serves families that have children that are going to start school between the ages of 3 to 5 years old, and parenting classes) has requested \$4,509.00. Family Services, Caring Parents, which deals with crying education, shaken baby syndrome & literature, has requested

\$3,750.00. CAP Council has requested \$7,200.00 in funds to assist with the elementary & Kids on the Block programs; ATTENDS, which is a last step for juvenile delinquents, has requested \$6,300.00. Judge Mollo commented that this is a collective group, which could involve Probation, Community Partners, Schools, parents and court, through a facilitation process; the final proposal for Bartholomew County was for Systems of Care, which has been operating for 4 years, and involves mental health, Courts, Probation and schools; Judge Mollo commented that this program will keep kids in home and out of residential care. The amount requested is \$9,798.00. Ruth added that the MOUs should be amended as to the number served and midyear reports. Judge Tandy motioned to approve, Helen seconded, members present approved.

3. Third Order of Business Summary of Discussion: Karla Davis gave members updates and handouts on CPCS. She handed out financials for January, commenting that a large amount was spent on material services to clients. She then gave members a summary report of referrals for February. There were 66 active, 14 engaging, 30 referrals for February, 23 discharges, 17 met goals, and 5 re-enrolled. Karla also mentioned that the Steering Committee has begun meeting region-wide quarterly and in a different county each of the months between the quarterly meetings. She commented that the county meetings focus on the work for each county. CPCS is fully staffed with 5 liaisons, one for each county. Caseloads for the liaisons have been around 12/19 to 10/20. She also mentioned that CPCS will be a co-sponsor for the April 18th CAP Candlelight Vigil and balloon release. Staff will be going to training at the conference “Institute for Strengthening Families” with one workshop on Parent Involvement, to find out new ways to get parents involved. They have identified two people that can be trained as mentors for other parents in the CPCS program. Karla is still targeting Jennings County for a local parent meeting.

4. Fourth Order of Business Summary of Discussion: Jim Shively, Regional Child Welfare Services Coordinator, updated members on the IV-B proposals. He mentioned that utilization of funds for Adoption Support services is at the 4% level and that we can allot part of our funds into any of the service contracts that we have and use them for adoptive families; for example, if we have adoptive families that need home-based counseling, we can place funds in that service and then refer the families. The deadline for submission of proposals for the 2009 to 2011 funding cycle was March 3rd and most providers submitted electronic proposals. His office does have hard copies of each proposal, in case a county needs those. County/Region allotments have not been released yet but he anticipates they will be within

a couple of week. He mentioned that RSC would have to meet again in April to approve county services recommendations and the RSC decided to meet on April 22, 8:30 to 10:30 for this purpose. Once that is done, Jim's office will prepare the contracts for signature by the providers and get them turned into Central Office for the signature process there. During the next funding cycle a team from Indianapolis led by Rita Sparks will do site visits with providers to monitor services. Ruth will be in touch with RSC members to offer the opportunity to be involved in the review and scoring process on the proposals.

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:

April 22, 2008- 8:30-10:30 IV-B Recommendations

May 20, 2008 – 8:30- 10:00

Bartholomew County DCS Conference room, 8:30 – 10:00

Meeting Adjourned at: 9:40